

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are pending. Claims 3, 8-10, and 12-17 are indicated as allowable. Claims 22 and 24 are indicated as objected to. Claims 1, 18, 22, and 23 have been amended. The subject matter of objected to claim 24 (now cancelled) has been incorporated into claim 23.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

As the PTO provides in MPEP § 2131, "[t]o anticipate a claim, the reference must teach every element of the claim...." Therefore, each reference applied under 35 U.S.C. § 102 must disclose all of the elements of the claims to sustain the rejection. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection on the following grounds.

Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 11, and 18-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 in light of U.S. Patent Pub. 2002/0130366 to Morishita ("Morishita"). Independent claims 1 and 18 have been amended to recite a floating drain, which the Examiner admits is not taught or suggested by Morishita. Accordingly, Applicant submits that claims 1 and 18 are allowable over the cited reference, and that dependent claims 2, 4-7, 11, 19-21 are allowable for the same reason as the claim from which they depend.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that all the claims in the application are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner deem that any further amendment is desirable to place this application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

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